

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Mr. Fritz Henderson
Chairman and CEO
General Motors Corporation
300 Renaissance Center
Detroit, MI 48243

Dear Mr. Henderson:

I am writing regarding your decision to eliminate contracts with 1,100 auto dealerships by October of 2010.

Given the fact that this may further contract my state's economy and leave thousands of employees without jobs, I would like to understand the logic behind this decision.

I request that you please provide me the rationale for closing certain dealerships and keeping others intact. In addition, I ask that you provide me with information about how this consolidation saves costs and leads to higher revenues for GM.

As it stands, this decision may have a devastating impact on my state. Nothing short of a foolproof strategy that will result in a revitalized and expanded auto industry could justify eliminating so many jobs, particularly in states like Ohio that are already facing massive, auto industry-related job loss.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown
United States Senator